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APPRENTICE BOYS' ALPHABET.

At the request of a correspondent, we publish the racy lines which first saw the light after the eventful year when the effigy of Lundy was burned in spite of the attempts of the authorities to prevent the annual event.

- A** is the ardour with which we burnt Lundy,
In spite of the magistrates' noses on Monday.
- B** is the bandroom of 'Prentice Boys, bold,
Where Lundy was lost and the Bobbies were sold.
- C** is the Carabineers galloping down
To frighten the cits. of a peaceable town.
- D** are the damages they'll have to pay
When sued in the Court by Solicitor Rea.
- E** is the elegant effigy blazing,
With magistrates stamping and policemen gazing.
- F** are the fools the authorities were,
And also the freedom with which they can swear.
- G** is Guy Ferguson, courted and followed,
Also the gammon the magistrates swallowed.
- H** is for Hillier, who said "It won't do,"
The searching of women, Keogh's worthy of you.
- I** is the impudent Radical dealing,
And also the insult to Protestant feeling.
- J** is the joy with which 'Prentice Boys all
Beheld Lundy ablaze on the top of the Hall.
- K** is for Keogh who came up from the South,
And we hope will return rather down in the mouth.
- L** is for Lundy, ubiquitous wight,
Who was seen and lost in the shade of the night.
- M** are the movements of mounted police,
And also the military breaking the peace.
- N** are the names O'Neill, Bigger & Co.,
On the great proclamation invented by Keogh.
- O** the opinion they ventured to dare,
And too the ovation we owe to the Mayor.
- P** is the practice too sharp for their glory,
'Tis also the 'Prentice Boys, famous in story.
- Q** is the question—was it law—was it malice
Made Keogh send a warrant to search at the Palace?
- R** is the reason within his own mind,
'Tis also the remedy lawyers will find.
- S** is the salvo the fog-signals made,
Which startled three magistrates into a rage.
- T** are the telegrams sent on the wire,
The time and the triumph when Lundy took fire.
- U** are the usual results of such folly,
The laughter of Derry and Keogh's melancholy.
- V** are the villains who swore information,
And also our vehement disapprobation.
- W** are the women they wanted to search,
And the way that they wanted to get hold of the Church.
- X** is the excellent way they were beaten,
An exceeding amount of the dirt they have eaten.
- Y** is the yielding to blackguards unshorn,
Which cannot and shall not for ever be borne.
- Z** is the zeal which England puts down
The Protestant Boys that stand up for the Crown.